Report on Sandalwood Training Programme

The inaugural function of the five days training programme on “Sandalwood – seed handling, nursery & plantation technology” from 10th to 14th February, 2020 was initiated with a welcome address by Shri. V. Shettappanavar IFS, Head SFM Division. This was followed by participants introducing themselves and simultaneously giving their expectations from the training. The training programme was attended by 14 participants from Maharashtra, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh and Telangana. Dr. V.P. Tewari, Scientist – G and Group Co-ordinator Research (GCR), IWST addressed the participants. Dr. B.N. Divakara, Scientist – E and Course Director briefed about the overview of the five days training programme. The inaugural session was concluded with a vote of thanks by Smt. Tresa Hamilton, Scientist – C, SFM Division, IWST.

In this training programme participants will be provided with detailed information on cultivation aspects like seed, nursery, plantation management, protection, harvesting and marketing of sandalwood including its legalities. One day field visit is planned to give an opportunity to interact with farmers to understand the pros and cons of sandalwood cultivation on farmland.